

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraphs [0001], [0060] with the following amended paragraphs:

RELATED APPLICATION

**[0001]** The present application is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application serial number 10/186,996, filed July 1, 2002, ~~which is hereby incorporated by reference as said application is now abandoned.~~

**[0060]** In one embodiment of the present invention, an anti-acne vulgaris therapeutic is provided that effectively treats, palliates, and in some cases prevents the most important pathological factors in acne development. These pathological factors include excessive sebum production, excess production of keratinocytes, outlet obstruction of the sebaceous follicle, *P. acnes* proliferation and inflammation. Furthermore, the anti-acne preparations of the present invention are conducive to therapeutic regimes and are non-toxic when used as directed. The topical anti-acne preparations of the present invention can be used alone, or in combination with other topical or systemic therapeutics.

**[0098]** The following examples provide formulations using exact amounts in grams and milliliters of each ingredient. However, these exact weights and volumes should not be considered limitations. All of the liquids used herein are aqueous based and contain low percentages of solute. Therefore, the relative weight of each volume of liquid ingredient will be considered equal to the weight of water (1g/mL). The appended claims will therefore be expressed as ratios. For example, a composition made in accordance with the teachings of the presently invention may contain 1.5 g of substantially pure Spongilla powder, 0.5 mL hydrogen peroxide, 2 mL of 5% boric acid, 1 gram of green sea weed powder and 10 mL of floral water. This composition would then be claimed as follows: 1.5 parts of substantially pure Spongilla powder, 0.5 parts 3% hydrogen peroxide, 2 parts of 5% boric acid, 1 part of green sea weed powder and 10 parts of floral water; etc.